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My Dear Friends

Yesterday was Communion Sunday in our city church. As I hurried to church a little late, having been detained by an unexpected demand on my time, I met troops of children coming away from the church,--children of our members. said I, "Where are you going?". "Oh, they have driven us out of church, because there is no room for us," said the poor little things. It was in my heart to turn back and gather the little ones for a service of their own, but my baby organ had already been carried over to the church and I knew the pastor would be awaiting me, so I had to hurry on. The children went straight to Miss McConaughy who had been detained from the service by a headache, and begged, if she could not hold a service for them, that she would at least let them have the key to a little meeting room in our outer yard, and let them hold one themselves. She demurred; "I am afraid you will not act well, and will get into trouble." "Oh no, Khanum, just try us," they pleaded eagerly. So the key and the care of the service were committed to three of the older boys, a fire was built, and sixty-nine little tots who were not going to be deprived of their Sabbath privileges, gathered in that small room. Most if not all of these children are under ~~twelve~~ years of age. When we came home from church after a service of nearly two hours' duration, they were still quietly assembled, reading, singing, praying and "exhorting" as they had learned to do in their Christian Endeavor meetings, and were ready to go right on and have the regular C.E. meeting, which lasted another half hour. My heart has ached ever since to think of those mere babies being shut out of God's house for lack of room. It seems as if "the very stones would cry out" and as if Christ were asking us what we are doing for these His little ones.

I have for months been mentioning in my letters home the need of a new, large church, but after yesterday's experience it seems as if my heart would break if we cannot have it right away. Almost every Sunday some have to be turned away from the church which has become much too small for our growing city community. Protestant girls from the rug factory which is carried on under Episcopal auspices, have been sent home time after time, until they are discouraged about coming. Our Seminary girls have to have a separate service, thus taking the time and strength ~~away~~ of another preacher. The seats are often so crowded that it is hard for us to listen quietly and reverently to the service. And must this continue for the lack of the five or six thousand dollars that would secure us the necessary land and enable us to build a commodious and pleasant church? I am sure that God will hear our prayers and will send us soon the necessary money.

Very sincerely yours

Mary Schaeffer Labaree.

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April 25th, 1905.

The Rev. C. R. Watson,
921 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Watson:-

I was very glad indeed to receive your letter of the 21st, with its enclosures regarding the Presbyterian Union in India. I earnestly hope that your Church may feel able to join with the other Presbyterian Churches in India in this union. I judge from the actions of your Assembly, which you enclose, that the feeling prevails at home that your missionaries were not favorable to the union. Out in India I gather, both from your letter and from what our own missionaries write, that the responsibility for the position of your Church rests on the Assembly at home. I do hope that the matter may come up for discussion this year, and that your Assembly can give some assurance that can assure the missionaries in India that they are free to unite with the other Presbyterian bodies in the Union Church there, without any fear of transgressing in this way the wishes of the Church at home.

I send you herewith a copy of the last Minutes of the Presbyterian Alliance Meeting, and of the first meeting of the General Assembly. These are the only copies I have, and I must ask you to send them back to me, by registered post, at your convenience. They will answer in part the inquiries of your letter. For the rest, I think you will find them answered in the Minutes of the Seventh Council of the Presbyterian Alliance in India, held in 1902, a copy of which I send with the other papers. I send also a copy of the statistics of the Alliance, which will show in connection with the Minutes of the Assembly, the Presbyterian arrangements of the new Church.

Will you please return these pamphlets also, when you are through with them? If I can answer any further questions please let me know.

Very cordially yours,



Goro Yamamoto.
C/o Mr. Spencer
756 Union Ave. Bronx.

Dear Mr. Speer -

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Your favor of
Jan. 11th with kindly suggestions
is at hand. I thank you for
your sincere kindness.

I obey to your suggestion and
will call on Mr. J. A. Richards,
Prof. W. W. White and Mr. Charles
F. Paulson, as soon as possible;

As I informed to you, I
am working under dissatisfactory
condition and for quite other
from my object, having been
compelled by the necessity to
support myself. But, on
the other hand, being stimulated
by this dissatisfaction, or reflecting
from this indisposition, I am study-
ing heavily but peacefully at
night, while I am working with
my best at day, as Holy Bible
shows us.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
Goro Yamamoto.

Jan. 12th 1906.

C. B. Newton

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Mr. Speer

Jullundur City
March 1916.

Dear Dr. Speer

[Thank you for your letter of January 22nd, received by the last mail, recommending a "real rest." Alas, I have nothing but rest now-a-days. I wonder whether there ever was such a case before! My physical weakness is phenomenal. This causes me to lose my balance and fall over suddenly and the fall is generally backward. I have had no less than seven of them in the last few months. In most of them I experienced a severe bump on the back of my head against the floor or a wall. In a specially violent fall, I struck the small of my back against a corner of a bed & fractured a rib, and had to send for the doctor.

To far I have paid doctor's fees and medicine bills myself. except one item of 50 rupees and the total has got well above Rs. 500/-

This is the least I could do, after the kind letter you sent me last summer about drawing all my salary as long as I live.] You will perhaps wonder why I have doctors' bills to pay since we have a good doctor here in the person of Mrs. Schnyler. But while I have got useful medical advice from her several times, I am largely if not chiefly the victim of troubles of the bladder and urinary apparatus requiring operations which I can hardly ask a lady to perform. One of these is the introduction of a catheter 3 to 5 times a day (of 24 hours.)

[In some respects I may say my health has improved in the last few months but in other ways it has got worse. Having had repeated attacks of malarial fever, I found myself quite unable to attend the last Annual Meeting, the first meeting I have missed since I first came to India. Quinine seems to have lost its beneficial effect, and I have been put on Arsenic by Dr. Cuyler. This has done me good.

Another trouble which has grown more serious of late is is a dropsical swelling of the feet & legs all the way up, and my knees are so swollen I can with difficulty bend them sufficiently to walk about the house.

The weather has suddenly turned hot, and this makes me think seriously about getting up to the hills; but how I am to travel with all my infirmities is not easy to say.

I will let you know how I am again, if I live to tell the tale.

Meanwhile I remain

Yours Sincerely,

C. B. Newton.

APR 17 1917

Mr. Speer

Weihsien Shantung China. Feb. 24. 1917.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I enclose a letter (a copy of the one I am sending to Dr. Brown.) I do this for two reasons. First, because I think you take a more careful interest in these details of missionary appointments and will be more likely to give attention to see that we get suitable women here at Weihsien. From what was written in connection with Mr. Reeder's coming I think you already know about the special importance of this station. Not only on its own account but on account of the workers it sends out to other stations over China. I think you helped in securing such a good man as Mr. Reeder promises to be. We are grateful for this. As one good turn deserves another, we hope you will do as well by us in supplying the places of the two women we have just lost.

Again I want to say a word confidentially about Mrs. Bergen. As I have quoted in Dr. Brown's letter, when the Mission wrote to welcome Mrs. Bergen it was with the understanding that she live in one of her own houses in Tsing tau and secure a special support. Dr. Brown's last letter, just received says that Mrs. Bergen is to come in response to the call of the Mission to the first vacancy indicated on the China Council's list. And it so happens that that place is Weihsien. Now whatever Mrs. Bergen may be in herself, her whole life in China shows that she is not fitted for this country work among the women, for which we are asking and for which we stand in great need. She not only never has done such work but is so peculiarly constituted that she could not and would not do it.

Any one here will tell you that that is absolutely a foregone conclusion. So that I hope that you will quietly see to it that such a disastrous blunder is not made. I think you are wise enough to do this, without getting anybody into trouble.

I hope you received the letter I wrote you about the City work along with the photos and plan of the buildings at Kiu chow. Mr. Carter has just written a letter of inquiry on this general subject which I shall answer soon.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. MacLure

APR 11 1917

Mr. Speer

Weihhsien Shantung China. Feb. 24. 1917.

Dear Dr. Brown:-

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As you know we have recently lost both of evangelistic women for work in this station, Miss Brack and Miss Hawes. We have finally secured what we think will be a good man for evangelistic work in Mr. Reeder. We are greatly encouraged by the prospect of his help, but in the loss of these two women, we are much more destitute and needy than we were without another man.

We are, compared with other stations, well supplied with pastors and men evangelists but we still have but few satisfactory Bible women for our work. This, in the face of the vastness of our field, the greater readiness of the women to hear and receive the gospel, the great advance that has been made in this direction in later years, the ~~at~~ less strain on women when traveling in the country, the much more comfortable arrangements that can be made for them and their work, and the fact that the married women latterly very seldom do country work.

In fact our need for women missionaries to work in the country is simply overwhelming, both extensively and intensively. Ever since I have been in the station, in fact, I have urged, in our station meetings, the greater urgency for additional women workers. This work is chuck full of interest and promise.

I wish to urge especially, that our great call is for women who can and will work in the country. We have of course a number of married women who among them can do a lot in caring for the woman's work that needs to be done in the station, so that these women are needed for the country. While this is an intensely interesting and important work, when followed up regularly, it is a great strain upon a woman, especially in a nervous way, so that in order to be worth while we must have not only women of consecration but women strong physically and whose previous experience ~~exper~~ has prepared them for this kind of work. What I mean is that women who have never lived in the country or had any kind of experiences of the seamy and unsavory side of things. Some women can eat Chinese food and mingle among the Chinese away from foreigners without any great difficulty, while others before long they simply succumb under the strain.

You ~~know~~ doubt think that you are taking all precautions along these lines but there is still room for more care in selection. This is no doubt due largely, to the insistence of the friends and women's Boards who want a woman sent because she is a consecrated woman but too often she turns out to be a nervously broken down school teacher or stenographer, who has, on this, account, failure written all over her when she comes.

The chances are that a woman who has gone clear thru a woman's college has not enough nerve left for this work. On the other hand there is no place in the world where real culture and refinement will tell, so that the kind of a family from which a woman comes is all important in the search for a suitable woman.

The China Council, when they heard of Miss Brack's death, requested the first evangelistic woman for Weihhsien and since that we have lost Miss Hawes. Since beginning to write this letter you have mentioned in your last letter, about Mrs. Bergen being a candidate for the first vacant place in the Mission. But the Mission has written about Mrs. Bergen's coming and have welcomed her under the conditions of your letter No 377 of

last June. I quote: "She says that special funds will be provided to cover the cost so that no draft will be made upon money that would be available for any one else." Again in speaking of her Tsing tau residences you say, "Of course when Mrs. Bergen goes to the field, she would wish to occupy one of them herself, but it would be better for the Mission to rent the other house if we need it for a missionary family, than to incur the expense of building."

This is very definite and fixes Mrs. Bergen at Tsing tau in her own house and with the special support, so that the Mission will not feel called upon make arrangements for her in accordance with their letter sent home on other conditions than the above.

Yours fraternally,

R. M. Maule,

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To the Board of Missions.

Dear Brethren:-

Our Mission has unanimously and enthusiastically voted to ask you to send us at once, ten men, six of them including two doctors to be for the opening of the two new stations? One of them is to be located between I Chow Fu and Chining Chow and the other between Weihsien and I Chow Fu. The distances between these two stations being respectively about one hundred and sixty and one hundred and twenty five miles. The undersigned were appointed a committee to urge this upon your attention which we do in view of the following considerations. First, the funds of the Board seem to admit of enlargement without crippling the existing work. Under Dr. Ellinwood's enterprising administration I Chow Fu and Chining Chow were opened at the same time. Now that the time is ripe we think that such an advance should be made again. Second, the superior character and promise as a mission field of China in general and Shantung in particular. Third, a Presbyterian solidarity with all the stations and departments of work cooperating. Efficiency, economy and esprit de corps in the work all point to enlargement here in connection with the working outfit of our existing stations. We think that with our equipment and prestige we can care for this territory to better advantage than any other denomination. Were we so deep in ruts that you could not get us out there might be some excuse for turning us down and going away off into some other country and province to start an isolated station. But on the strength of your expression of confidence we present our appeal. Fourth, the largeness of the territory and the vastness of the population beyond the possibility of our present stations to adequately care for. This is so apparent that other denominations will enter if we do not. Especially in connection with the railroad soon to be built thro this territory. The distances between these stations are about the same as that from Weihsien to Chinan Fu, between which the English Baptists have two large stations and are just now opening a third. Since we can care for this field so much better than others we should not allow our other stations to be split in two in this way. The distances between our existing stations are similar to the width of one of our middle states with a territory vastly more thickly populated. Fifth, that we may conserve our existing work, if history repeats itself Germany will try to dislodge us. The Catholics who hold the balance of power in Germany, say they are preparing for a big advance by the planting of a station in every one of the one hundred and eight county seats of Shantung. If we can push in an enterprising way we do not fear them for the people are greatly prejudiced against them and in our favor. Indeed the discussion of the contrast is

greatly helping our work. However we think that our salvation lies in enlargement to such an extent that the Germans will not think of attempting to interfere with the work of the English and American Missions. We send you a map showing the location of the proposed stations in relation to those now established. We might enlarge on each of the above points but we think that especially with the secretaries who have been on the field, you will be able to appreciate their force without further argument. Three men for each station will be enough at first. Of course an experienced man should go with them. This will render the enlargement of our old stations still more imperative so we hope you can send us the ten men.

R. M. Mateer.

The letter with the signatures of all the Committee to be sent later.

JOHN T. MANSON, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES, GENERAL SECRETARY
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
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B. CARTER MILLIKIN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
CHELSEA 4095

June 15th, 1920.

Dr. R. E. Speer
B U I L D I N G.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I enclose a program of the Conference on The Missionary Possibilities of the Sunday School Lessons , at which you are announced to speak on the evening of the 16th, at eight o'clock, on "Spiritual Values in the Missionary Enterprise." Mr. Millikin is also counting on your being present at dinner the same evening - tomorrow- at 6:30 at the Madison Square Hotel, 37 Madison Avenue. The evening session of the Conference will also be held in the hotel.

Sincerely,

Emma F. Peere

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MORNING SESSION

9:15 a.m. Members of the conference are invited to attend the closing session of the Conference of Outgoing Missions of the Board of Foreign Missions, at University Place Presbyterian Church, University Place and Eleventh Street.

AFTERNOON SESSION 156 Fifth Avenue, Foreign Board Room, Eighth Floor.

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Greetings and Statement of Purpose
Mr. B. Carter Millikin and Rev. John T. Faris, D.D.
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Dr. Faris presiding.
Subject: "The Scope and Variety of Missions"
2:30 - 3:00 Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.
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3:00 - 3:15 Rev. John M. Gaston, D.D.
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3:15 - 3:30 Mr. John M. Somerndike
Superintendent of Sabbath School Missions
3:30 - 3:40 Intermission
3:40 - 4:00 Rev. John McDowell, D.D.
Board of Home Missions; Director Department Social Service, New Era Movement.
4:00 - 4:30 Mr. Dwight H. Day
Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Members of the Conference are invited to visit the Mission Libraries.

EVENING SESSION

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner - Madison Square Hotel
7:30 - 8:40 p.m. Evening Session, Dr. Gaston presiding
7:30 - 8:00 "The Opportunity of the Lesson Writer"
Rev. Park Hayes Miller
8:00 - 8:40 "Spiritual Values in the Missionary Enterprise"
Dr. Robert E. Speer

June 17.

MORNING SESSION, 156 Fifth Avenue, Home Missions Board Room, Seventh Floor

9:15 a.m.-12 m. Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve, presiding.
9:15 - 9:45 "Educational Possibilities in Missionary Literature"
Rev. John Bailey Kelly
Educational Secretary, Board of Home Missions.
10:00 -10:30 "Methods of Missionary Education"
Mr. Millikin
Discussion
10:45 - 11:15 "Missionary Heroes"
Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
11:15 - 11:45 "The Gift or Enlistment of Life"
Rev. Hugh D Kerr, D.D.
11:45 - 12:05 Devotional Period
Rev. George N. Luccock, D.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 156 Fifth Avenue, Room 906, Ninth Floor.

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mr. Millikin presiding.
2:30 - 3:30 "Teaching Missions to Children"
Miss Florence Norton
Miss Gertrude Schultz
Discussion
3:30 - 4:15 "Missionary Possibilities in the Uniform Lessons,
1921-1922"
Rev. John Bailey Kelly
4:15 - 4:50 "What the Lesson Writers Want from the Mission
Boards"
Dr. Faris
Discussion
4:50 - 5:00 Devotion

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7:45 p.m. Pictures
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Evening Session, Mr. Somerndike presiding.
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August 29, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

I had hoped that Nellie and I might be able to run up to Lakeville to see Mrs. Speer and yourself this coming Saturday and I think that Nellie had written Mrs. Speer about that matter. However, I find that it will not be possible for me to get away on Saturday. I had hoped to have a chance to talk with you about a matter growing out of the report of the Board's deputation to India this last spring.

One of the subjects the deputation dealt with at their conference in Ludhiana was that of property in its relation to the Mission and the Church. The Board's expectation and hope, as we all know, has been and is that some day we shall be able to turn over property and work to the Indian Church but I think we have looked upon that possibility as something that is still a good ways ahead. The deputation formulated certain principles when they were on the field and submitted them at once in type to the Missions for their approval with the explanation of course that they could not be put into effect until they had been approved by the Board.

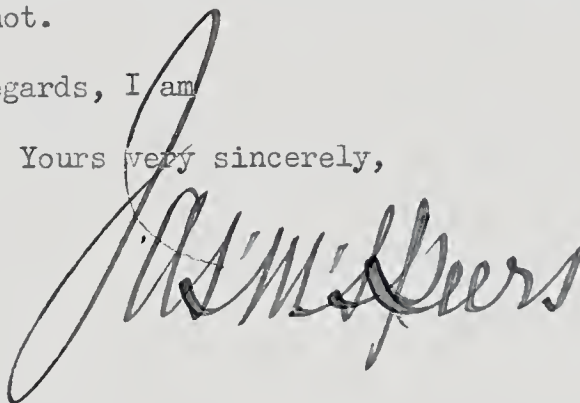
Carter, whether rightly or wrongly, seems to be greatly troubled by the fact that the deputation made its proposals public at once and he wrote me quite at length about it in two separate letters, extracts from which I am putting into your hands herewith. I wish that you might take time to read these extracts and tell me whether Carter is all wrong in his point of view regarding it. I have been, with the limited knowledge I have, disposed to agree with his point of view, and I have thought that perhaps, if the report is adopted by the Board, its interest could be still further protected if necessary by adding to the report an amendment, a copy of which I also enclose herewith.

Carter's chief concern would seem to grow out of the fact that in order to carry out the scheme of transferring the Forman College from the city out to the new site being prepared for it, there will need to be a number of real estate transactions. Approximately half the lot secured for the college site can be sold to provide part of the necessary funds for the new buildings. My understanding is that that site of about two hundred acres which cost about two laks of rupees is valued to-day for some twelve laks of rupees so that the sale of forty or fifty per cent of it will bring a nice round sum in addition to the sale of the college property in the city. You possibly know that the old government liens have all been transferred to one piece of property.

This whole matter will come up for action at the Board meeting in September and I would like very much to have my own mind clear about it. I will not quote anything you may say to me regarding the matter if you prefer that I should not.

With cordial regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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September 19, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

This is just to advise you that we were not able to take up the Deputation's report on India at our meeting yesterday. It took all the time and more to deal with the Deputation's reports from Iran and Syria. It is planned to devote as much time as necessary to deal with the Deputation's report on India at the October meeting of the Committee.

I was interested yesterday to find that Dr. Lucas, who, as you know, is here on furlough, was ready to support strongly the position which Carter had taken in regard to the recommendations of the Deputation's report on property matters. He came to the meeting yesterday afternoon, thinking that the India report would be up in order to express himself on the subject, and he will, no doubt, come to the October meeting for the same purpose.

At that meeting I shall hope to use as the basis of anything I have to say quotations from your report of 1922. There is just one question I would like to ask you regarding it. I think I asked you the question when I saw you two weeks ago but I haven't clearly in mind the answer you made to it, viz. the conclusion of the third paragraph of the report on page 307, where you say, "On many such properties the presumption would seem to be that an Indian trust is impressed and the time will come when it will have to be decided in the case of each of these properties how this trust can best be fulfilled, whether by the continuance of missionary administration, by transfer to the Indian Church, or in other and more appropriate forms." I have the feeling that the members of the Deputation may say, "Surely the time has come to make that kind of a decision of which Dr. Speer speaks." What would be your answer to that kind of a statement?

We had a very interesting report from both Mr. and Mrs. Clement as well as from Dr. Dodds. I think you know the Clements very well. Mr. Norman Clement, who is the oldest son of Mr. Clement, the banker of Buffalo, was a Hill School boy, and there were several other brothers of his there. Some of them at the time our boys were there. It seems that the interest in Persian Missions began with his grandfather

and that is what we have trying to do:

who gave one of the buildings, I think, at Hamadan, and he and Mr. Norman Clement's father were responsible for the educating of both the Cochrans, father and son. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clement are very attractive people. Mrs. Clement, especially, is a very effective speaker. She suggests Mrs. Harper Sibley a little. We had the pleasure, Nellie and I, of meeting them at dinner at the Dodds' on Saturday night, when they showed the pictures which they took on their trip to Iran, most of them in color, a perfectly marvelous collection of pictures.

With cordial regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

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October 17, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
 Rockledge,
 Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

The Indian Deputation's report was presented to the Board yesterday afternoon, by Dr. Dodds, Dr. Pete Emmons and Miss Schultz, and it was a most interesting report. Perhaps it came to you in typewritten form as it did to me a few days before hand. I read through the thirty eight pages of closely typed matter, and, as I said in the Board meeting yesterday, my first reaction to it was amazement at the volume of work which the Deputation had accomplished and the multitude of questions dealt with in so short a time.

The Secretarial Council had been reviewing the report and its recommendations, many of which were wholly within the authority of the Missions, and when they came to the recommendations regarding property matters, in view of the fact that there was, both on the Field and at home, a considerable difference of opinion regarding what our policy ought to be in dealing with Mission property, they recommended, and this was approved by the Foreign Committee, that the whole subject of what our policy ought to be generally regarding Board and Mission property in India should be referred to the 1941 Conference for discussion and advice.

I thought that was, perhaps, a very good way to deal with that question at this time. Since 1941 is two years away, and the subject seems to be a very live one on the Field, I told Dr. Dodds I thought, by way of allaying any further discussion of the matter for the time being on the Field, the Board ought to pass a resolution in order to prevent any misunderstanding as to what the Board's attitude and policy is regarding property matters. Dr. Dodds agreed with me and I put into his hands the resolution which I had prepared in which he asked the privilege of making a few, verbal changes. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the resolution which I presented yesterday and which was passed without dissent except that Dr. Emmons asked that the last sentence be deleted.

When I presented this resolution yesterday I called attention to the fact that this was both an old and a knotty question, and I referred to your report regarding it in 1922. We were crowded for time and I regret to say that there was not time for me to read the paragraphs that I wanted to read from your report but I summarized them in the way in which you did in your last letter to me.

Dr. Emmons, in his presentation in his part of the report yesterday, was evidently very greatly impressed with the poverty of the Indian Church and its need for financial help from us. We would all be in sympathy with that but not to the extent of yielding to demands which come to us from some people who, I fear, make such demands without any altruistic motive.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Speers

Rev. Jas. W. Hawkes.

My dear Sir -

Your good letter of the 16th came to hand, this afternoon, it helped me by giving me great comfort; I am thinking always to learn the holy purposes of Our Lord Jesus Christ; I believe one of the wise purposes is to give temptation to our members; as we are going to build a new Church in Kermanshah: that there may not happen a mistake in our putting the foundation; all the holy members need to enter through the temptations, to be perfect.

The second purpose is, as I trust, to open the shut door of Islam, for the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in the whole Persia. The Church in all centuries, was most strong, when she had great troubles; and then the shut doors were opened: now is the best time for prayer, and trust in God. and work.

I am glad to see many Moslems speaking together, about poor Azizullah, that he was killed unjustly. & & &.

now I have good speeches with some Moslems, the man of Bank; who was a bali, came to me two times, and confesses the Christ, and is willing to be a Christian; but I am not in haste to baptize him; There are many people speaking against Islam: and I glorify the Religion of our Lord.

I am sure that we will see bright days after awhile, in the best time that God knows. I thank my Lord Jesus about his grace to grant me his Spirit to trust in him through all these troubles: All my friends advised me to leave Kermanshah

at once, and start for Hamadan, as they saw my life in great danger: but I did not accept; but brought their mind and heart to think of the Lord Jesus, who is always near to us. &c &c. Three days ago the father of that dead boy, was speaking against me, saying that the goods of Azizullah were with me, and he was ready to come with some Sayids to rob my house, but the men of Telegraph-house, did not let him to do so: and told him that Azizullah's goods were been robbed, and there is nothing in my house. This was a special protection of my Lord Jesus.

Believe me that I have not thought at any time to leave the work here; and always I have been helped by the Spirit of my Lord Jesus. and yet I trust him. and believe that we will see a good Church in Kermanshah.

I remain yours very truly -
Mushihooman.